

December 12, 2015

Dear Louisiana Board of Ethics

I received a letter for a late fee assessment for Election 180-P via Post Office Mailbox. Obviously our PAC committee missed this filing. This was unintentional. We recently hired Burland and Associates to assist us with our PAC fund/committee and this one filing was the only one I missed this year. Our committee has been through some loss this year and we had to re-organize. This fine is something this PAC fund can not afford. I would be happy to appear before the board and provide more details if that is needed.

This position is new for me and I have worked very hard to organize this organization and committee. I am asking for leniency with that matter. Please consider this appeal and waive this late assessment fee. This is such a young organization and a fee such as this would be financially devastating. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Shelly Esnard

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STATE OF LOUISIANA LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS

acting in its capacity as the

SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE ON CAMPAIGN FINANCE DISCLOSURE

In Re:

LA Academy of Physician Assistants October 24, 2015 Election

LATE FEE ASSESSMENT ORDER

WHEREAS, LA Academy of Physician Assistants, in its capacity as a political action committee, and it's committee's chairperson, Shelly Esnard, were required to file campaign finance reports pursuant to La. R.S. 18:1491.6.

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 18:1505.1 provides that it is a violation of the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act to fail to timely file campaign finance reports.

WHEREAS, in accordance with La, R.S. 18:1491.6B(1), LA Academy of Physician Assistants was required to file a 180th Day Prior to Primary Report (180-P) by April 27, 2015. LA Academy of Physician Assistants filed the report on May 9, 2015 and was 12 days late.

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 18:1505.4A(2)(a)(v) provides that an automatic late fee of \$200 per day (not to exceed \$3,000) be assessed against LA Academy of Physician Assistants, and it's committee's chairperson, Shelly Esnard, for this late filing.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS ORDERED that a late fee of \$2,400 is assessed against LA Academy of Physician Assistants, and it's committee's chairperson, Shelly Esnard, for failure to timely file a 180-P campaign finance disclosure report.

ORDER signed on the 18th day of November 2015 at Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Chris Sommers - Director, Campaign Finance Division

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STATE OF LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF STATE CIVIL SERVICE

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November 18, 2015

LA Academy of Physician Assistants Shelly Esnard, Chairperson 9655 Perkins Rd., Ste. C Baton Rouge, LA 70810

Late fee assessment for October 24, 2015 Election RE:

180-P Campaign Finance Disclosure Report filed 12 days late

Dear Shelly Esnard:

Enclosed is an assessment of a late fee pursuant to La R.S. 18:1505.4 and La. R.S. 18:1511.4.1. Please submit a check or money order in the amount of \$2,400 payable to the Treasurer of the State of Louisiana to P.O. Box 4368, Baton Rouge, LA 70821.

You have 20 days the receipt of this letter to dispute this assessment. You may elect to do either or both of the following:

1. You may submit your request for a waiver to the attention of the Louisiana Board of Ethics.

Waivers are handled by the Ethics Board. The Board of Ethics may reduce, suspend, or decline to waive a late fee assessment based on the cause shown by the person, candidate, or political committee. If you submit a request for a waiver of the late fee to the Board of Ethics, your request should contain details as to why, in your opinion, you have good cause why your report was not timely filed. Also, if you would like to appear before the Board of Ethics in connection with your request, you should state that in your letter. The request should be submitted to the attention of the Board of Ethics at the following address: Box 4368, Baton Rouge, LA 70821 or fax at (225) 381,7271.

2. You may appeal the assessment directly to the Ethics Adjudicatory Board (EAB).

Appeals to the EAB are proceedings before a three judge panel. The determination is made regarding whether the person, candidate, or political committee was required to file the report and whether the report was filed late. Mitigating factors are not considered during an EAB proceeding. The EAB does not have the authority to reduce, suspend, or waive a late fee assessment. If you choose to appeal the assessment to the EAB, you should submit your request for an appeal to the attention of the Executive Secretary of the Louisiana Board of Ethies at P. O. Box 4368, Raton Rouge, LA 70821 or fay at (225) 281-7271.

If you timely submit a waiver request or appeal, your name will not be posted on the website pending the result of your appeal. Furthermore, if you request an appearance, you will be notified of the place and time prior to the meeting.

If you do not pay or dispute the assessment of the late fee within 20 days from the receipt of this letter, the matter will be forwarded to the Attorney General's Office to pursue collection. If the matter is forwarded to the Attorney General's Office for collection, you may be responsible for all additional costs incurred. Additionally, late fees not paid by the due date will be posted on the agency website.

You should be aware that unpaid campaign finance fines, fees or penalties may have an adverse effect on your ability to run for public office in the future, as the Board of Ethics will object to your future qualifications for candidacy for public office pursuant to La. R.S. 18:491 and R.S. 18:492.

Sincerely,

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS

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RE:

Late Fee assessment for Oct 24, 2015 election 180-P Campaign Finance Disclosure Report filed 12 days late

Dear Ethics Committee

We received this letter 12/12/2015. I faxed last week to your office and have since found out more regarding the late filing. We support Senator Guillory \$500 in March 2015 but were not aware that he chose to run for Lt Governor until after deadline. This was an oversight by a me, a first time PAC chairman. I am asking for a waiver of this \$2400 fee as it would financially devastate the PAC fund. This committee has worked so very hard to contribute to our legislators for the very first time and my hope is that my oversight does not un-do all of their hard work and contributions.

I can be reached at any time (225)229-5980 or via email <u>shelly.esnard@gmail.com</u>. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

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Shelly Esnard DA-C